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**From:** Bahr, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=D158C8FB589541409C301B1AB55CBFB6-RBAHR]  
**Sent:** 5/3/2018 5:50:09 PM  
**To:** Atkinson, Benjamin [atkinson.ben@epa.gov]; Hodaj, Andi [hodaj.andi@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Heger, Michelle [heger.michelle@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Press inquiry - follow up on central sands sampling

Ben/Andi,

Below are the questions that we received. Pat is drafting responses that he will send around shortly for our review.

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**From:** Holst, Linda  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Lippert, Allison <lippert.allison@epa.gov>; Kuefler, Patrick <kuefler.patrick@epa.gov>; Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiry - follow up on central sands sampling

Pat and Ryan are working on responses, and will run by ORC.

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**From:** Lippert, Allison  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Holst, Linda <holst.linda@epa.gov>; Kuefler, Patrick <kuefler.patrick@epa.gov>; Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Press inquiry - follow up on central sands sampling

All - please see below from one of the reporters who received our statement. Can WD draft responses to the questions we're able to answer?

**Request – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Lee Bergquist)**

What prompted the agency to conduct the tests?

Was the EPA responding to complaints about high nitrate levels in the water, including a report of one mother who said that she was forced to terminate a pregnancy because of a severe birth defect?

When do you expect to have results - and what is the next step of the agency after getting the results?

If the results show high nitrate levels that exceed drinking water standards, what will you do?

Have you communicated the reason for the trip with Central Sands Dairy, the largest farm in the area?

How often has the EPA conducted such tests in Wisconsin in the last few years?

Please confirm the following facts that EPA personnel shared with Cristi Sullivan-Greening:

**41 bore holes for water sampling - at a shallow depth and deeper depth 60 to 80 feet.**

**The testing will take place from roughly 20th Ave. and 4th street to the Wisconsin River.**

**(In an email, the DNR said a short while ago said that the EPA would be conducting groundwater sampling around Central Sands Dairy's land application fields and production area in Juneau County from April 30-May 4.)**

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